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TANCREDO AND IMMIGRATION REFORM SCORE HUGE WIN ON RIVALRY WEEKEND

***House sends message to Senate: "The American people want
security, and know it can't be done until we secure our borders"***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) and the House of Representatives as a body sent a strong message to their Senate colleagues by choosing not to approve the intelligence reform bill (H.R. 10), because it lacked crucial immigration reform measures recommended by the 9/11 Commission.

"We sent a message to the Senate today that this Republican Congress is not willing to pass a bill that is just an empty shell," said Tancredo, Chairman of the House Immigration Reform Caucus. "The Republican Conference in the House made a collective decision not to approve a hollowed out 9/11 bill just to get a bumper sticker slogan or a good sound bite."

Tancredo made the statements after successfully executing a parliamentary maneuver to temporarily prevent the House of Representatives from rubber-stamping a stripped down conference report on HR 10, legislation originally designed to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. Tancredo used a little-known GOP conference rule to force House leadership to hold a meeting with all House Republicans to explain why key immigration provisions were stripped from the bill late last night by Conferees on the bill over the objection of conservatives.

After the Conference, the House Republicans collectively made a decision not to approve a weak bill.

"The American people want security, and they know it can never be achieved until we can secure our borders," concluded Tancredo. "Rushing through a 9/11 bill that doesn't address border security would have been a disservice to the families of 9/11 victims and to the American people – and I'm proud that my colleagues recognized this today."

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